Kim at Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Work Attributes Toward Careers in Health (WATCH)

"My name is Kim Campbell. I graduated from high school when I was eight months pregnant. My parents divorced when I was six months old. My mother was a drug addict and an alcoholic. Even though my mother had five children (with different fathers), she did not have custody of any of her children. I lived with my father and my paternal grandparents until I was 14 years old. I was very close with my grandmother and she became my 'mom.' At 14, I moved with my father, my stepmother, and her daughters to another home, away from my grandparents' house.

"When I was 18 years old, I decided to move back to my grandparents' home. After living there one month, I found out that I was pregnant and enrolled in the CSIU's Project ELECT, a teen parenting program. Kim Eroh from ELECT was a big help to me during that time. One month before my daughter was born, my fiancée and I moved into our own apartment through a referral from the Nurse Family Partnership. My Nurse Family Partnership nurse, Donna, told me about some job opportunities at Bloomsburg Hospital. While interviewing for a job, I was told about another position in a doctor's office as a file clerk. I was hired for a position with Dr. Kathy Baylor who suggested that a CNA [certified nursing assistant] license would be helpful in the office. My mentor Kim Eroh suggested the WATCH program to me and said it could help me with CNA classes.

"I contacted WATCH in July 2011 and began taking CNA classes the next month through Harrisburg Area Community College at The Emmanuel Center in Danville. I graduated in September 2011 and passed my exam in November to become a certified nursing assistant!

"I started my full-time job as a CNA at Geisinger Medical Center in January 2012. I work with patients who have had head injuries and also with patients who are recovering from surgery. Now I have a stable, better paying job where I can give my family what we need. And at Geisinger, there are more opportunities to make my pay even better." [Kim married her fiancé of four years in June 2012].